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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



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OGC HAS REVIEWED.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dwight A. Ink
Assistant Director (Organization and
Management Systems)
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503

SUBJECT : Revised Circular A-63

1. This is in response to your request of 22 June for CIA comments on the draft revision of OMB Circular A-63, "Management of Interagency Committees, Advisory Committees and Industry Committees."

2. Section 15 of E.O. 11671 provides that the Order is not applicable to the extent that it is inconsistent with or in conflict with any statutory provision.

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The disclosure requirements of E.O. 11671 therefore would not apply to this Agency. It is noted also that the major use of committees made by this Agency is in conjunction with its membership on the United States Intelligence Board, and the various subcommittees of that Board, which was created by the National Security Council. The Director of Central Intelligence, as Chairman of USIB and under the authority of National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 1, establishes subcommittees and working groups of USIB. USIB and its subcommittees therefore would not fall within the definitions of "advisory committee," "industry committee" or "interagency committee," as defined by the Executive Order. In view of the foregoing, we have only limited comment on the revised circular.

3. The requirement of paragraph 8 of the revised circular would seem to be beyond the authority conferred by E.O. 11671 and indeed would appear to be in conflict with at least the intent of section 13(a)(2), which requires that publicity be given to the dates, places and agendas of "open" meetings of committees. The Order thus contemplates that closed meetings would not be publicized. Section 8 would not be applicable to CIA activities, as indicated above, but it would seem in order to delete it altogether.

/s/ W. E. Colby
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Executive Director-Comptroller